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FOLLOWING RECD FROM MADRAS SENT NEW DELHI DATED APR 5, 1978  
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1. TROUBLES CONTINUE IN ANDHRA PRADESH, AND THE UNREST SPREAD FROM  
HYDERABAD TO THE DISTRICTS WHERE DISTURBANCES WERE REPORTED ON  
APRIL 4. POLICE OPENED FIRE ON A CROWD AT PARKAL IN WARANGAL  
DISTRICT, AND IN WARANGAL ITSELF, POLICE REPORTEDLY USED TEARGAS  
TO DISPEL THE CROWDS. IN KARIMNAGAR DISTRICT, GOVERNMENT JEEPS  
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AND BUSES WERE SET ON FIRE; NALGONDA OBSERVED A "BANDH" TO PROTEST  
AGAINST POLICE FIRINGS IN HYDERABAD. COLLEGE STUDENTS BOYCOTTED  
CLASSES IN NELLORE, GUNTUR, AND COASTAL TOWNS, AND OPPOSITION  
PARTIES IN VIJAYAWADA CALLED FOR A "BANDH" ON APRIL 6. THE DEATH  
TOLL, AS A RESULT OF THE POLICE FIRINGS, HAS GONE UP TO 12 FROM 9  
ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. (THE  
OPPOSITION PARTIES MAINTAIN THAT THE DEATHS MUST BE SEVERAL TIMES

MORE THAN THE OFFICIAL FIGURE.) ARMY UNITS BEGIN PATROLLING  
AREAS OF HYDERABAD AND SECUNDERABAD.

2. APPARENTLY ANXIOUS TO FRAME THE TROUBLES IN A NATIONAL  
CONTEXT RATHER THAN IN A PURELY LOCAL ONE, CHIEF MINISTER CHENNA  
REDDY NOW SAYS THAT THE NAXALITES AND COMMUNALISTS WERE BEHIND THE  
INCIDENTS IN HYDERABAD WHICH LED TO THE POLICE FIRINGS AND THE  
IMPOSITION OF A CURFEW. HE ALLEGED THAT A NUMBER OF NAXALITIES  
HAVE COME FROM BENGAL TO AID THE LOCAL GROUPS IN FOMENTING TROUBLE.

3. THE OPPOSITION LEADERS HAVE CONDEMNED THE ATTEMPT OF THE  
CHIEF MINISTER AND HIS FOLLOWERS TO DISAVOW RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR THESE INCIDENTS BY BLAMING THE EXTREMISTS AND COMMUNALISTS  
FOR VIOLENCE, AND JANATA LEADERS HAVE ALREADY DEMANDED THE  
RESIGNATION OF THE CHENNA REDDY MINISTRY. A GROUP OF JANATA  
LEADERS VISITED DELHI TO BRIEF THE HOME MINISTER AND PRIME  
MINISTER, AND CHENNA REDDY HIMSELF REPORTEDLY INFORMED  
PRESIDENT NAJIVA REDDY, PRIME MINISTER DESAI, AND HOME MINISTER  
CHARAN SINGH OF THE DEVELOPMENTS. IF THE VIOLENCE CONTINUES,  
DEMANDS FOR THE DISMISSAL OF THE REDDY MINISTRY COULD SPREAD.

4. ALL OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE HYDERABAD  
TROUBLES, AND CHIEF MINISTER REDDY'S ALLEGATION OF NAXALITE  
PARTICIPATION MAY BE AN EFFORT TO DAMPEN DOWN THE TROUBLE STARTED  
BY POLICE MISBEHAVIOR AND TO HEAD OFF THE CRITICISM OF HIS MIN-  
ISTRY. THE NAXALITIES MIGHT WELL BE RELUCTANT TO RESORT TO  
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VIOLENCE AT A TIME WHEN THE BHARGAVA COMMISSION IS PROBING POLICE  
KILLINGS OF NAXALITES. IN ANY CASE, THE OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE  
NOT LIKELY TO LET CHENNA REDDY OFF THE HOOK SO EASILY AND THIS  
COULD BE THE FIRST ROUND OF TROUBLE FOR THE CHIEF MINISTER  
WHO USE SUCH TACTICS HIMSELF TO STIR UP TROUBLE IN THE PAST.  
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